



Workforce Development Partners Update

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WORK-Lexington

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Workforce and Economic Development

➤ Workforce and Economic Development Grant

- For the past eight years, on a 2-year grant cycle, LFUCG has provided a workforce and economic development grant opportunity to our community.
- The Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government (LFUCG) has historically partnered with economic and workforce development agencies for the purpose of providing economic and workforce development services. These agencies are diverse in their missions and work plans, and provide services that create jobs and grow payroll, influence growth and tax base enhancement, and enhance economic well-being of the community.
- Through the grant LFUCG funded eight (8) partners for July 1, 2024 – July 30, 2026.
- The availability of up to \$400,000 in economic development grants was authorized by the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Council for the Year One of this grant cycle. The availability of future funds for year two of this grant cycle will be contingent on the approval of the funds authorized by the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Council.





Workforce and Economic Development Partners

Agency	Program Description
Building Institute of Central Kentucky (BIA)	Provides classroom, lab training, and licensure for HVAC, plumbing, and electric trades.
Child Care Council of Kentucky	Serves as a visible community resource committed to offering access to affordable, quality care and education. Provides free orientation and training opportunities to childcare providers in Lexington-Fayette County.
Community Action Council	Prepares residents to earn a Commercial Drivers Licensing (CDL). Program is free of charge and is offered multiple times per year. Program duration is usually between four – eight weeks, based on the client's pace or needs.
IEC of the Bluegrass	IEC of the Bluegrass is an electrical apprenticeship program that helps place prospective employees with their Electrical Contactor Members.
Jubilee Jobs of Lexington	Jubilee Jobs assists anyone facing barriers to employment with finding, obtaining, and maintaining dignified work.
The Kable Academy	The Kable Academy provides online 12–24-week Coding with AI and Cybersecurity training opportunities to Lexington-Fayette County residents.
Lexington Rescue Mission	Provides the Jobs for Life program that provides soft skills training, job search, resume writing, and job placement.
Stable Recovery	Stable Recovery provides a safe and stable living environment for men in early recovery. While participating in their recovery housing program, residents will attend the School of Horsemanship at Taylor Made Farm. They will receive training and on the job experience in several different facets of the thoroughbred industry by the very best in the business at Taylor Made.





Workforce Development Partners

Agency – Year 1	Number Served in Year 1	Average Wage
Building Institute of Central Kentucky (BIA)	28	\$15/hour
Child Care Council of Kentucky	858	\$14.60/hour
Community Action Council	24	
IEC of the Bluegrass	25	\$17.33/hour
Jubilee Jobs of Lexington	504	\$15.05/hour
The Kable Academy	10	\$21/hour
Lexington Rescue Mission	90	\$14.36/hour
Stable Recovery	79	\$15.14
Total	1,618	\$16.07





Davis Park Workforce Center

- Opened January 27, 2025
- Offer job search, resume, and interview skills assistance onsite.
- Referrals to employers and community partners.
- Host career and community resource fairs.
 - Since opening 182 individuals have come to the center for workforce services assistance.
- Hold weekly WORK-Ready Wednesday's.
 - 1st and 3rd Wednesday – WORK-Lexington and Partner Orientation
 - 2nd and 4th Wednesday – Employability Skills Workshops
 - From February – June, 65 people attended the WORK-Ready Wednesday's
- Provide use of the Davis Park Conference and Training Rooms to the community.
 - Since opening in January, the two rooms have been reserved 56 times by 23 different groups.
 - These organizations include: One-Lexington, Fayette County Public Schools, the Kentucky Hospital Association, University of Kentucky, Leadership Lexington, Partners for Youth, and many more.





WORK-Lexington Outreach

- WORK-Lexington Monthly Newsletter
- Social Media – Facebook and Instagram
- 4th Wednesday of each month – Resume/Job Searching Workshop at the Marksbury Family Waypoint Center
- Attend/Host Offsite Workshops and Career and Community Resource Events
 - Jubilee Jobs Career and Resource Fair
 - One Parent Scholar Resource Fair
 - Fall Clean Slate Expungement Clinic
 - Level Up Sober Living Grand Opening
 - One Parent Scholar Workshop
 - Spring Clean Slate Expungement Clinic
 - Natalie's Sisters Community Resource Day
 - Natalie's Sisters Resource Fair
 - YesCare - Fayette County Detention Center
 - Second Chance Academy workshop twice a week from August 2024 to June 2025
 - VA – Veteran Job Fair
 - City Government Career Fair at the Lexington Public Library
 - United Way of the Bluegrass – Waypoint Job Fair
 - Lexington Leadership – Look Good Feel Good Event at Davis Park Workforce Center
 - Lionheart Support Services – weekly workshops for aged out foster youth





Lexington Workforce Collaborative

- Partnership of multiple workforce organizations across Lexington
- Goal: Be a resource to ensure all jobseekers and employers are receiving the best services possible.
 - We do that through meeting quarterly, hosting events, referrals, sharing information, partnering, identifying challenges, and anything else workforce related.
 - Working towards a workforce resource guide.
 - Have a shared list of employers hiring and resources.
 - Hosted our first Workforce Collaborative Job Fair in June.
 - Partners include:
 - Adult Education, BCTC – Workforce Solutions, VA – Vocational Rehabilitation, Kentucky Career Center, Jubilee Jobs, Goodwill, Lexington Public Library, Education and Labor Cabinet, etc.





Workforce and Economic Development in 2026

- Held our first Joint Economic and Workforce Development Quarterly Meeting in July.
- Hosted a Future Healers Healthcare Career Exploration Camp for Middle School Students at Davis Park.



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